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SUBJ: JAPAN MAF DELEGATION VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL HOST VISIT OF JAPANESE MAF DELEGATION DURING WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 12. VISIT IS FOLLOWUP ON VISIT AUSTRALIAN AG. MINISTER WRIEDT TO TOKYO EARLIER THIS YEAR, AT WHICH ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR TWICE YEARLY CONSULTATIONS. DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE CANBERRA DURING COMING WEEKEND.

2. GROUP COMPRISES Y. YAMADA, DIR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; M. HATA, CHIEF , MEAT DIVISION, S. NAKASE, DEP. CHIEF DAIRY PRODUCTS DIV. (FORMER AGATTACHE, CANBERRA); S. IWAMURA, DEP CHIEF SUGAR DIVISION; K. KOSAKA, DEP. CHIEF IMPORT DIVISION; AND T. KOBAYASHI, DEP CHIEF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TARIFF DIVISION. ALSO ONE REP. OF MITI AND ONE OF GAIMUSHO.

3. TALKS WILL BE OF GENERAL NATURE AND ARE NOT INTENDED AS BASIS FOR SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS. AGENDA
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ITEMS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE THE WOOL SUPPLY SITUATION

AND OUTLOOK FOR RESUMPTION OF JAPANESE DEMAND: MEAT
QUOTAS, INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY TRADING AND PROBLEMS;
WORLD FOOD STOCKPILE ; AND FRUIT QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.
LAST ITEM PARTICULARLY INTERESTING AS AUSTRALIA FOR
SOME TIME HAS SOUGHT ACCESS TO JAPANESE MARKET FOR
AUSTRALIAN APPLES AND PEARS. GOA HOPES TO CONVINCE
GROUP THAT APPLES CAN BE SUPPLIED FROM WESTERN
AUSTRALIA BECAUSE THIS STATE FREE FROM CODLING MOTH
ALTHOUGH MEDFLY PRESENT. IN PAST JAPAN QUARANTINE
HAS INSISTED TREATING AUSTRALIA AS ONE UNIT AND CON-
SEQUENTLY DID NOT PERMIT IMPORT FROM ANY STATE OR
AREA WHERE FREEDOM FROM CODLING MOTH COULD BE
CERTIFIED. FRUIT FLY PROBLEM NOT SO SERIOUS AS THIS
OVERCOME BY COLD STORAGE PERIOD SIMILAR TO US
REQUIREMENTS. GOA OFFICIALS HOPEFUL JAPANESE WILL
ACCEDE TO PROPOSAL, AS PREVIOUS WEST AUSTRALAINA
APPLE MARKETS IN EUROPE DISAPPEARING.
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